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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS RAYMOND TO ADVO INTERROGATORIES (ADVO/USPS-T13-74-100) (April 13, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for acceptance of the responses of witness Raymond to the following interrogatories of Advo, Inc., eight business days late: ADVO/USPS-T13-74-100, filed on March 20, 2000. Several factors contributed to the delay in providing these responses. First, witness Raymond has been the target of hundreds of interrogatories in recent weeks, and has also been needed to assist in formulating responses to a number of procedural challenges related to certain of his interrogatory responses, as well as to facilitate and conduct a special technical conference pursuant to Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/27. Second, the assistance of other individuals, who are also involved in other aspects of this case, was needed to prepare and review the responses. Finally, the high volume of discovery requests during this period prevented counsel from immediately reviewing the answers under development.

An electronic version of these responses was sent by email today to counsel for Advo, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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